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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, USIB Committee on Exchanges
THROUGH: Acting Assistant Director, Research and Reports
SUBJECT: Proposed exchange of scholarships between a Soviet oceanographer and US geodesist

1. An exchange of a US scholarship in oceanography for a Soviet scholarship in geodesy is proposed as offering a potential net intelligence gain for the US.

2. It is proposed that a reciprocal scholarship be requested for a US geodesist to the Novosibirsk Institute of Engineers of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography. The Institute is one of the two prime graduate training facilities in the USSR -- the other is at Moscow, and a third is being developed at Lvov. The Novosibirsk facility is specified because it is at a point that is the key gateway to Soviet Arctic and Siberian development, not only economic and military, but geodetic as well. Novosibirsk is also the site of the Novosibirsk Aerogeodetic Establishment, a cartographic publication plant producing large scale topographic maps, and also the center of the Siberian Department of the Academy of Sciences in which an institute of geodesy is being organized. Since Novosibirsk is in a closed area, it would balance off the presence of the Soviet oceanographer in a US closed area.

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4. A key factor in this proposal is the identification and provisional commitment of a trained geodesist. The matter has been discussed with Mr. Lauren Bloom, AFOP, and Mr. Robert Kingsley, Technical Advisor to the Commander, ACIC. The Center is actively interested and is

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now in the process of selecting a possible candidate. It is not intended, however, to limit the selection of candidates to ACIC personnel. The Center, however, was initially contacted because it has the largest staff of trained geodesists. The provisional approval of this proposal would warrant a broader search, if necessary, and would facilitate the identification of both a qualified geodesist and a sophisticated observer.

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